

Mary Thomas Halley

(- 12 Ja 1911)

Halley. Suddenly on January 11, 1911 at 1:45 a.m., Mary T., widow of the late Thomas F. Halley aged 72 years. Funeral from Ryland M.E. Church, 10th and 4th street southwest on Friday, January 13 at 2 o'clock p.m. Friends and relatives invited.

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Aged Woman Burned Sitting Near Stove

Clothes of Mrs. Mary T. Halley Ignite When She Falls Asleep -- May Die

Mrs. Mary T. Halley, seventy-two years old, was severely burned about her body and face this morning about 11 o'clock while in her home at 503 E street southwest. Her condition was so serious when she reached the Emergency Hospital, in charge of Dr. Newton, that her mind showed signs of having been affected by her experience, and the physician was unable to hold out any hope for her recovery.

Just how Mrs. Halley met with the accident may never be known, as she was alone in the house when the fire occurred, although it is thought her dress ignited from fire in the stove. Mrs. Halley was seated in front of the stove reading a magazine and eating an apple when she fell asleep and her dress ignited, it is believed.

A partly burned magazine was found on the floor, with a knife and part of an apple. The first that was known of the affair was when the elderly woman appeared in front of the house, her dress afire, and called for help.

Neighbors Give Assistance

Neighbors hurried to her assistance, and Dr. T.J. Sullivan of 512 6th street southwest and Capt. Williams of the fourth precinct were summoned. Rugs were procured and the blaze was extinguished while Mrs. Halley was lying in front of her home.

A large crowd gathered, all anxious to assist. While Dr. Sullivan and Capt. Williams had charge of the burned woman she seemed to be fully conscious.

Miss Laura M. Halley, a daughter, returned home some time after the accident happened, but upon learning of the accident hurried to the hospital. Mrs. Halley's husband, Thomas F. Halley, who was in the ice business in South Washington for a number of years, died about seven or eight years ago. The widow has since resided with her daughter.